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SUBJECT: FUEL OIL TRANSSHIPMENT PROBLEM

REF: STATE 143911 AND OTTAWA 1694

1. NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD (NEB) MET JULY 30 TO DISCUSS CANADIAN SHORT-TERM PETROLEUM REQUIREMENTS. BOARD DECIDED DATA AVAILABLE STILL NOT SUFFICIENT ON WHICH BASE DECISION REGARDING ISSUANCE EXPORT PERMITS AND DIRECTED NEB STAFF ASSEMBLE MORE DETAILED STATISTICS ON SUPPLY AND DEMAND ESTIMATES.

2. OIL POLICY BRANCH OFFICIAL (SCOTCHMER) TOLD US NEB HAD BEEN ADVISED OF EMBASSY REPRESENTATIONS REGARDING FUEL OIL TRANSSHIPMENT. HE SAID THAT ON BASIS DATA AVAILABLE TO NEB, ALL FUEL OIL IN QUESTION WAS IN FACT CONSIGNED TO CANADIAN NOT U.S. COMPANIES AND NOT IMPORTED UNDER CUSTOMS BOND. HE ADDED THAT WHILE VARIOUS U.S. DISTRIBUTORS MAY BE "EARMARKED" AS ULTIMATE RECIPIENTS, BILLS OF LADING IDENTIFY CANADIAN FIRMS AS CONSIGNEES. FYI: HE ADDED THAT FOR OUR INFORMATION ONLY NEB LEARNED LARGE U.S. DISTRIBUTOR IN NORTHERN NEW YORK, GEORGE HALL, WHO EARMARKED AS RECIPIENT PORTION OF OIL PRESENTLY IN MONTREAL, IS RECEIVING SHIPMENTS BY OTHER MEANS. SCOTCHMER SAID IT PROBABLY SHIPPED TO AREA VIA HUDSON RIVER, ADDING THAT IF HALL TRULY BELIEVED HIS PROPERTY BEING UNLAWFULLY WITHHELD BY CANADIAN AUTHORITIES HE WOULD HAVE CERTAINLY FILED MOTION

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IN CANADIAN COURTS RATHER THAN SEEKING DELIVERY THROUGH OTHER

CHANNELS. END FYI.

3. SCOTCHMER AGAIN STRESSED NEB DESIRE AVOID PUBLIC CONTROVERSY
ON THIS ISSUE AND HOPED DECISION ON ISSUANCE EXPORT PERMITS
COULD BE MADE SOON.
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